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May 21, 2009

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk of the Commission Public Service Commission of South Carolina Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

> Re: iBasis Retail, Inc.

Application for Long Distance Services

Our File No. 30588-0001

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the Application of iBasis Retail, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Long Distance Services within the State of South Carolina. The company is also requesting alternative regulation of its long distance business service, consumer card, and operator service offerings. By copy of this letter we are providing the same to the Office of Regulatory Staff and mailing the original Indemnity Bond attached as Exhibit F of the Application to the Commission.

If you have any questions, please have someone on your staff contact me.

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON, McFadden & Moore, P.C.

Bonnie D. Shealy

BDS/tch **Enclosures**

Dan F. Arnett, Chief of Staff of ORS (via email & U.S. Mail) cc/enc:

Jennifer A. Cukier, Esquire (via email) Ellen Schmidt, Senior Counsel (via email)

INDEMNITY BOND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Bond No: <u>08BSBFJ7020</u>

We, <u>iBasis Retail</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, principal and provider of <u>prepaid calling cards through</u> <u>distributors</u> within the State of South Carolina and <u>Hartford Fire Insurance Company</u>, as an admitted surety insurer, bind ourselves unto the Regulatory Commission of the State of South Carolina, an Obligee, in the penal sum of <u>\$5,000.00</u>.

The total aggregate liability under this bond is limited to \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars).

The conditions of this obligation are such that the principal shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all applicable provisions of South Carolina law. This obligation shall be used to refund prepayments to individuals who have purchased prepaid telecommunications services of the principal if the principal is unable to provide such service of return the prepayments to its customers. Within twenty-four (24) hours of such event, principal shall provide to insurer a list of prepaid-calling service account codes it believes to be outstanding in the State of South Carolina together with the remaining balances. Bond insurer agrees to act as administrator of the funds and to distribute remaining account balances to individuals who request funds in writing.

This bond shall take effect as of the date hereon and shall remain in full force and effect until the surety is released from liability by the written order of the South Carolina Regulatory Commission, provided that the surety may cancel this bond and be relived of further liability hereunder by delivering thirty (30) days written notice to the South Carolina Regulatory Commission. Such cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued hereunder prior to the termination of said thirty (3) day period. The principal will promptly reissue a bond before the end of the thirty (30) day period for an amount equal to or greater than the value of this instrument unless the parties agree otherwise.

Date this 2nd day of April, 2009

iBasis Retail, Inc.

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

Janice V. Clifford, Attorney-in-Fact

Direct Inquiries/Claims to:

POWER OF ATTORNEY

THE HARTFORD

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call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835) Agency Code: 08 084700

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Х	Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
	Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
	Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
	Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
	Twin City Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
	Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois
	Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
	Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, up to the amount of UNLIMITED

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their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by \omega, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on January 22, 2004, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.

















Scott Sadowsky, Assistant Secretary

M. Ross Fisher, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT **COUNTY OF HARTFORD**

Hartford

On this 3rd day of March, 2008, before me personally came M. Ross Fisher, to me known, who being by me duly swom, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



Scott E. Paseka Notary Public My Commission Expires October 31, 2012

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of April 2, Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.

















Gary W. Stumper, Assistant Vice President